

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-3(Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim-4 49, ~~comprising an~~ wherein said anomaly detection device ~~for detecting~~ detects at least one of a positional, orientation, connection, and impact ~~anomaly~~ anomalies occurring with said portable safe.

5. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim-4 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects a connection anomaly when said portable safe is not attached to one of said game-related device and said currency control device.

6. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim-4 49, wherein said anomaly detection device is located on said portable safe.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim-4 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects an impact potentially damaging said portable safe.

9. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim-4 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects a connection anomaly when said

portable safe is neither attached to said game-related device nor to said currency control device for too long a time.

10. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim ~~4~~ 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects a positional anomaly based on location of said portable safe.

11. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 10, wherein said anomaly detection device detecting a positional anomaly is located at a location remote from said portable safe.

Claims 12 and 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim ~~13~~ 52, wherein the operator's code recorded on the operator's card includes an operator's peculiar code peculiar to the operator and a random number generated and affixed to the peculiar code when a specified event occurs.

Claims 15-44 (Cancelled).

45. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim ~~4~~ 49, wherein

said game-related device is a game card vending machine dispensing game cards for purchasing games on a game machine, when said portable safe is attached to said game card vending machine, in response to insertion of money into said portable safe to pay for a game card; and

said game card vending machine includes a game card storage section for storing game cards to be sold, a currency discriminating section for determining value of money inserted into said game card vending machine, and a game card dispenser

for discharging game cards from said game card storage section upon purchase of the game cards.

46. (Currently Amended) The currency control system according to claim ~~45~~ 52, wherein

said game-related device is a game card vending machine dispensing game cards for purchasing games on a game machine, when said portable safe is attached to said game card vending machine, in response to insertion of money into said portable safe to pay for a game card; and

said game card vending machine includes a game card storage section for storing game cards to be sold, a currency discriminating section for determining value of money inserted into said game card vending machine, and a game card dispenser for discharging game cards from said game card storage section upon purchase of the game cards.

Claims 47 and 48 (Cancelled).

49. (New) A currency control system comprising:

a portable safe for holding currency;

a game-related device to which said portable safe is removably attachable, said portable safe functioning as a currency holding section of said game-related device when said portable safe is attached to said game-related device, wherein said currency holding section provides at least one of (i) holding currency inserted from outside said game-related device, and (ii) holding currency to be discharged from said game-related device;

a currency control device to which said portable safe is removably attachable and which is located at a position remote from said game-related device, and, when said portable safe is attached to said currency control device, said currency control device provides at least one of (i) transferring currency into said portable safe from

said currency control device and (ii) transferring currency held in said portable safe from said portable safe to said currency control device, wherein

said portable safe is transportable by one person between said game-related device and said currency control device, and

said portable safe exchanges information by wireless communication with said game-related device to which said portable safe is attached or with said currency control device to which said portable safe is attached;

a system control computer providing unitary control of quantities of currency in said game-related device, said portable safe, and said currency control device;

an anomaly detection device for detecting at least one anomaly occurring with said portable safe; and

an anomaly notifying section for issuing an anomaly notification when said anomaly detection device has detected an anomaly.

50. (New) The currency control system according to claim 49 wherein said anomaly detection device detects an orientation anomaly of said portable safe.

51. (New) The currency control system according to claim 49, further comprising at least three security devices located proximate the game-related device and the currency control device and exchanging information by wireless communication with said portable safe for detecting position of the portable safe.

52. (New) A currency control system comprising:

a portable safe for holding currency;

a game-related device to which said portable safe is removably attachable, said portable safe functioning as a currency holding section of said game-related device when said portable safe is attached to said game-related device, wherein said currency holding section provides at least one of (i) holding currency inserted from outside said

game-related device, and (ii) holding currency to be discharged from said game-related device;

a currency control device to which said portable safe is removably attachable and which is located at a position remote from said game-related device, and, when said portable safe is attached to said currency control device, said currency control device provides at least one of (i) transferring currency into said portable safe from said currency control device and (ii) transferring currency held in said portable safe from said portable safe to said currency control device, wherein

said portable safe is transportable by one person between said game-related device and said currency control device,

said portable safe exchanges information by wireless communication with said game-related device to which said portable safe is attached or with said currency control device to which said portable safe is attached, and

attaching said portable safe to and removing said portable safe from said game-related device or said currency control device requires an operator's card issued to an authorized operator for insertion into said game-related device; and

a system control computer providing unitary control of quantities of currency in said game-related device, said portable safe, and said currency control device, wherein

the operator's card has an operator's code recorded therein,

said system control computer has the operator's code registered in correspondence with the operator, and

agreement of the operator's code recorded on the operator's card with the operator's code registered in said system computer is a condition required for determining authority of an operator.

53. (New) A currency control system comprising:  
a portable safe for holding currency;

a device in which said portable safe may be removably installed so that said device functions as a game-related device only when said portable safe is installed in said device, wherein said currency holding section provides at least one of (i) holding currency inserted from outside said game-related device, and (ii) holding currency to be discharged from said game-related device; and

a currency control device to which said portable safe is removably attachable and which is located at a position remote from said game-related device, and, when said portable safe is attached to said currency control device, said currency control device provides at least one of (i) transferring currency into said portable safe from said currency control device and (ii) transferring currency held in said portable safe from said portable safe to said currency control device, wherein said portable safe is transportable by one person between said device and said currency control device.